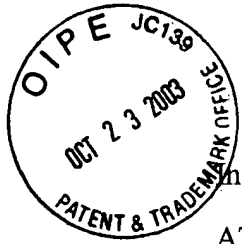


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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND METHOD
THAT UTILIZES STORED
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Also enclosed are copies of the listed documents as well as a copy of a communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated August 1, 2003, citing the documents in a counterpart Japanese patent application.

English translations of JP 9-282263 and JP 10-173689 are attached thereto.


Please note that JP 2001-503930 and WO 97/49057 (in English) are in the same patent family.

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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